

**Board of Recreation Commission
Special Meeting
January 15, 2019**

A Special meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 in the Community Center.

Everyone who attended said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supt. Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Supt. Brennan read the following statement: Adequate notice of the meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act by posting written notice of the meeting at the Municipal Building, 1000 Route 10 and posting such notice to the following newspaper: Morris County Daily Record and filing same with Township Clerk.

Present were Commissioners Gabriella Salese, Robert Brueno, Pete Monteverdi, Pete Berkenkamp, Chairman Jim Coiley, and Committeeman Mihalko.

Commissioner Giorgio joined the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Program Coordinator/Assistant to the Superintendent (PC/AS) Tom Quirk were absent.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT: Chairman Coiley made a motion to re-appoint Superintendent Denise Brennan. Commissioner Brueno seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN: Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to appoint Jim Coiley for a new two year term. Commissioner Brueno seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: Chairman Coiley made a motion to appoint Commissioner Berkenkamp as Vice-Chairman to fill the open position left by Pat Sages. Commissioner Brueno seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Chairman Coiley made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:15 p.m., the motion was seconded by Commissioner Berkenkamp. All in Favor.

**Board of Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
January 15, 2019**

RE-OPEN: The regular meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 15 in the Community Center. Chairman Coiley called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

END OF YEAR REPORT: Supt. Brennan played a video comprised of highlights from programs and events held during 2018. She thanked Eddie Cashen and Jaime Getsinger for their help with the music.

Committeeman Mihalko reported there are 2,000 people a month going through the Community Center taking part in programs and activities.

Commissioner Brueno asked if there were plans to bring back the Chili Cook-Off. Supt. Brennan explained the problem was that the Health Department required the chili to be cooked in an “approved” kitchen, and while the Community Center has an approved kitchen, residents want to cook in their own personal kitchens. Chairman Coiley suggested a spin on the event and instead of having residents cook the chili, invite local restaurants to cook and have township residents judge the event. The Commissioners liked both ideas and asked Supt. Brennan to reach out to gauge interest.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:

Committeeman Mihalko reported on the turf field. He went to the Engineering Department and asked for plans that include options for various location of the turf field at the Brickyard/Bee Meadow Pool areas. He brought those plans to the Commissioners. A lengthy discussion followed as to the pros and cons of the 5 options he received from Engineering. Items that need consideration include drainage, parking, grading, concession stand location, utility lines, and possibly moving the playground. Committeeman Mihalko will ask the Committee to add \$350,000.00 to the budget. In addition he will do further research to see what areas are better suited than others and then get some estimates based on the more practical locations.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Bee Meadow Pool Lifeguard Stand Installation – Phase II: The signed proposal for design and the purchase order were sent to the consultant last week. The stand locations and foundation dimensions were sent to the consultant today. It is anticipated that a request for quotes will go out by the end of January/beginning of February with a return date by March with installation required to be complete by the end of April.

Bee Meadow Pool Dual Slide: Request for proposal was sent to the consultant today along with manufacturer’s information on the slide and the possible future rock wall. Additional information is needed on the desired location of the rock wall as this may affect the location on the slide. Anticipated installation in the fall of this year; however, it may be possible to install prior to the end of April contingent upon the consultants proposal and consultation.

Basketball Court: Completion of plans and specifications anticipated by mid-February with installation at Upper Malapardis this summer.

Malapardis Park Tennis Court Resurfacing: Completion of specifications anticipated by mid-February with installation this summer.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

In the absence of Tom Quirk, PC/AS, Superintendent Brennan reported the following:

Basketball: The program is up and running and Hanover Township will be playing this year with East Hanover, Morris Plains, and Florham Park.

Ski Club: To date there have been two successful ski trip.

Girls Lacrosse: Registration just opened for Girls Lacrosse. Currently there are 6 registrations for grade 5-6 and 3 registrations for grade 7-8. In person registration is this weekend in East Hanover. JGLA sent a warning that if you have a program in your town you have to play for your town programs. If you don't play for your town and you are on a club team you cannot play in this league.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Rutgers Trips: The Bobcat wrestling team was invited on a trip to the Rutgers Athletic Center to attend a match of Rutgers versus Oklahoma University. "Welcome Hanover Township Recreation Wrestling" on the jumbo tron welcomed the 37 attendees of the match. Coming up on January 18th is another trip for Hanover Township Recreation Basketball to watch the Rutgers vs. Northwestern game. The kids will be in the tunnel for a high-five from the team. That trip is sold out.

King Kong on Broadway: There are only a few tickets remaining for King Kong on Broadway on Saturday, January 19th.

Paper Mill Playhouse: The next trip will be on February 14, 2019 to see "My Own British Invasion" at the Paper Mill Theater in Livingston. Tickets are on sale for \$85.00. The cost includes the ticket, dinner at Charlie Brown's in Chatham and the bus.

Travelling Teens Preview Trip: This year we are trying something new and are marketing the trip to those in grade 6. This is the grade that will be newly eligible for the summer teen program. We opened registration on Friday and as of today we have 36 registrations out of 40 tickets available.

BUDGET:

2019 Bee Meadow Pool Rates: Supt. Brennan distributed a page from Silvio Esposito’s final pool report in October. The report outlines what the fees would be if raised in various increments. It was Supt. Brennan’s recommendation not to raise the fee this year.

Committeeman Mihalko asked Supt. Brennan to add a \$1,000.00 line to the budget for advertising and direct mailings to promote the pool.

Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to leave the Bee Meadow Pool fees the same as they were in 2018 and not raise the rates in 2019. Chairman Coiley seconded the motion. All in favor.

Bee Meadow Swim Team Fee: Chairman Coiley made a motion to raise the swim team fee from \$75.00 to \$85.00 across the board with no additional charge for non-Bee Meadow Pool members who are members of the Bee Meadow Swim Team. Commissioner Berkenkamp seconded the motion. All in favor.

Summer Camp Rates: Supt. Brennan recommended not raising Summer Camp rates in 2019. She stated all costs were covered so she didn’t see any reason to raise them this year.

Committeeman Mihalko made a motion to not raise rates for Summer Plus, Travelling Teens, Sports Clinics, and Counselor in Training in 2019. Chairman Coiley seconded the motion. All in favor.

Wildcat Camps: Supt. Brennan questioned whether it was viable to continue to run the Wildcat Camps. The registration numbers from last year were:

Soccer – 8	Softball - 6
Girls Basketball – 5	Boys Basketball - 34
Baseball – 4	Football – 17

Based on the amount of work involved (handling registrations, distributing the money, ordering tee-shirts, etc.) and then having to cancel the programs due to low registrations it does not make sense to continue with these camps. She did however recommend continuing with the Open Gym programs. The Commissioners agreed and Supt. Brennan will contact the High School to notify them of this decision.

NEW BUSINESS: Supt. Brennan distributed a proposal from the high school football coach about forming a Touch Football league. He met with Supt. Brennan and PC/AS Quirk to see if the Commissioners were interested in having Recreation oversee the program. The coach said he contacted the football league and hadn’t heard back from them. His proposal is for a co-ed Flag Football team for grades 3-8. Games would be played in Wayne at the PAL, but they would be looking for practice time at the Bee Meadow School.

After reviewing the proposal and discussing options the Commissioners felt they would rather not compete with a program already in place. However, they were open to a spring program as currently there is not one at that time. They would however like to know if Hanover Tigers would be interested in running a program in the Spring and giving them the first right of refusal before making a decision. Supt. Brennan will contact Doug Petty.

OTHER: Supt. Brennan told the Commissioners she spoke with Administration about a custodial/janitorial employee at the pool. This position will be added to the pool budget and would be in addition to the Department of Public Works personnel.

MINUTES AND VOUCHERS: Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to approve the vouchers from the January 10, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Monteverdi seconded the motion. All in favor.

Commissioner Brueno made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2018. Commissioner Salese seconded the motion. All in favor.

ADJOURNED: Commissioner Berkenkamp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. seconded by Commissioner Giorgio. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dinah Schill